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## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT made this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008, by and between Cash Depot a licensee under the Mississippi Check Cashers Act (Miss. Code Ann. 75–67–501 *et seq.*) (hereinafter referred to as "Licensee") and the Mississippi Department of Banking and Consumer Finance (hereinafter referred to as "DBCF").

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2007, examiners employed by DBCF conducted an examination of license # 391 located at 3314 8<sup>th</sup> Street, in Meridian, Mississippi; and,

WHEREAS, said examiners during the course of their examination cited the following violations of the Mississippi Check Cashers Act:

Section 75-67-519(7) of the Mississippi Check Cashers Act states, "A licensee shall not charge a late fee or collection fee on any deferred deposit transaction as a result of a returned check or the default by the customer in timely payment to the licensee. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this section, a licensee may charge a processing fee, not to exceed an amount authorized by the commissioner, for a check returned for any reason, including, without limitation, insufficient funds, closed account or stop payment, if such processing fee is authorized in the written agreement signed by the customer and licensee. In addition, if a licensee takes legal action against a customer to collect the amount of a delayed deposit check for which the licensee has not obtained payment and obtains a judgment against the customer for the amount of that check, the licensee shall also be entitled to any court-awarded fees."

These violations are more particularly described in a written Report of Examination prepared by said examiners and furnished to Licensee; and

WHEREAS, Licensee has decided that he/she/it does not desire to contest the findings and violations noted in the aforesaid Report of Examination and does not desire to request a public hearing on the matters contained in said Report of Examination, and instead desires to fully and finally settle this matter with DBCF without a public hearing on the terms and conditions set forth herein; and,

WHEREAS, Licensee understands that this Settlement Agreement has the same force and effect as an Order of the DBCF entered after a public hearing on the matters contained in the Report of Examination, that this Settlement Agreement is a public record, and that this Settlement Agreement and the civil money penalties imposed and refunds required herein will be published on the website maintained by DBCF wherein the official acts and orders of DBCF are posted;

NOW THEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Licensee hereby agrees (1) to pay a civil money penalty in the total amount of \$2,000.00 to DBCF, and (2) to make refunds to each of the customers listed in the said Report of Examination in the separate amounts listed in said Report, for a total sum of \$2,040.00 in refunds.

Cash Depot of mississippi LL

By:

Leland P. Cardwell, Chief Manager

DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND CONSUMER FINANCE

By:

JOHN S. ALLISON, Commissioner